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H. R. 2679

To amend the Public Health Service Act, part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, and the Food Stamp Act of 1977 with respect to the establishment of a demonstration program to provide inducements to parents to ensure that the children of the parents are properly immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TORRICELLI introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Childhood Immuniza-
5 tions Improvement Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM**
2 **REGARDING CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS.**

3 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.), as amended by section 308 of
5 Public Law 102-531 (106 Stat. 3495), is amended by in-
6 serting after section 317D the following section:

7 “DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM REGARDING CHILDHOOD
8 IMMUNIZATIONS

9 “SEC. 317E. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
10 make grants to States to carry out demonstration projects
11 for the purpose of providing to children, without charge,
12 immunizations against vaccine-preventable diseases in ac-
13 cordance with the schedule established under subsection
14 (d).

15 “(b) REQUIREMENT REGARDING PROJECT SITES.—
16 The Secretary may make a grant under subsection (a)
17 only if the State involved agrees that immunizations pro-
18 vided pursuant to such subsection will be provided exclu-
19 sively on the premises of facilities at which individuals are
20 required to present themselves for purposes relating to the
21 receipt of assistance under—

22 “(1) a State plan approved under part A of title
23 IV of the Social Security Act (relating to aid to fam-
24 ilies with dependent children);

25 “(2) the Food Stamp Act of 1977; or

1 “(3) other Federal or State programs, subject
2 to the approval of the Secretary.

3 “(c) PARENTAL INCENTIVES REGARDING IMMUNIZA-
4 TIONS.—With respect to a program of assistance specified
5 in or approved under subsection (b), the Secretary may
6 make a grant under subsection (a) only if—

7 “(1) the State involved identifies which of such
8 programs are being administered at the facility or
9 facilities at which immunizations are to be provided
10 pursuant to subsections (a) and (b);

11 “(2) the State submits to the Secretary a plan
12 for increasing, decreasing, or denying assistance
13 under the programs so identified as inducements to
14 parents to ensure that the children of the parents
15 are immunized in accordance with the schedule es-
16 tablished under subsection (d);

17 “(3) the programs so identified authorize the
18 inducements that are provided for in the plan;

19 “(4) the Secretary approves the plan; and

20 “(5) the State agrees that, in carrying out such
21 programs, the State will implement such induce-
22 ments in accordance with the plan.

23 “(d) SCHEDULE OF IMMUNIZATIONS.—The Secretary
24 shall—

1 “(1) establish a list of the vaccines that the
2 Secretary recommends for administration to all chil-
3 dren for the purpose of immunizing the children
4 against vaccine-preventable diseases (subject to such
5 contraindications for particular medical categories of
6 children as the Secretary may establish); and

7 “(2) establish a schedule of recommendations
8 with respect to administering the vaccines to chil-
9 dren, including recommendations regarding the age
10 of children, the number of immunizations, and the
11 dosage of vaccines.

12 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING ELIGI-
13 BILITY FOR IMMUNIZATIONS.—Subsections (b) and (c)
14 may not be construed as prohibiting the Secretary from
15 authorizing grantees under subsection (a) to provide im-
16 munizations pursuant to such subsection to the children
17 of individuals who are not receiving assistance under any
18 of the programs specified in or approved under subsection
19 (b).

20 “(f) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—The Secretary may
21 make a grant under subsection (a) only if an application
22 for the grant is submitted to the Secretary and the appli-
23 cation is in such form, is made in such manner, and con-
24 tains such agreements, assurances, and information as the

1 Secretary determines to be necessary to carry out this
2 section.

3 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
4 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized
5 to be appropriated \$2,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
6 1994 through 1997.”.

7 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION IN SOCIAL SECURITY ACT WITH**
8 **RESPECT TO DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

9 Section 402(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
10 602(a)) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
12 (44);

13 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
14 graph (45) and inserting “; and”; and

15 (3) by inserting after paragraph (45) the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(46) at the option of the State, provide for in-
18 creasing, decreasing, or denying aid under the plan
19 as an inducement to parents for purposes of dem-
20 onstration projects under section 317E of the Public
21 Health Service Act (relating to immunizations for
22 children).”.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION IN FOOD STAMP ACT OF 1977 WITH**
2 **RESPECT TO DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

3 (a) REDUCTION OF ALLOTMENT.—Section 8 of the
4 Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2017) is amended by
5 adding at the end the following:

6 “(f)(1) The allotment issued to a household that—

7 “(A) includes a child less than 2 years of age;

8 and

9 “(B) reports to a State agency office located in
10 a facility in which immunizations are made available
11 to such child under a demonstration project carried
12 out under section 317E of the Public Health Service
13 Act;
14 shall be determined monthly in accordance with paragraph
15 (2).

16 “(2) If such household fails to demonstrate to the
17 satisfaction of the State agency that such child has re-
18 ceived each immunization from such project (or from an
19 alternative source) in accordance with the immunization
20 schedule in effect under section 317E(d) of such Act, the
21 allotment of such household determined under this section
22 without regard to this subsection shall be reduced by such
23 amount, and for such period, as the State agency deter-
24 mines to be an appropriate inducement to obtain such im-
25 munization from such project for such child.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION OF AMEND-
2 MENT.—

3 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in
4 paragraph (2), the amendment made by subsection
5 (a) shall take effect on October 1, 1994.

6 (2) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT.—The
7 amendment made by subsection (a) shall not apply
8 with respect to certification periods beginning before
9 the October 1, 1994.

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